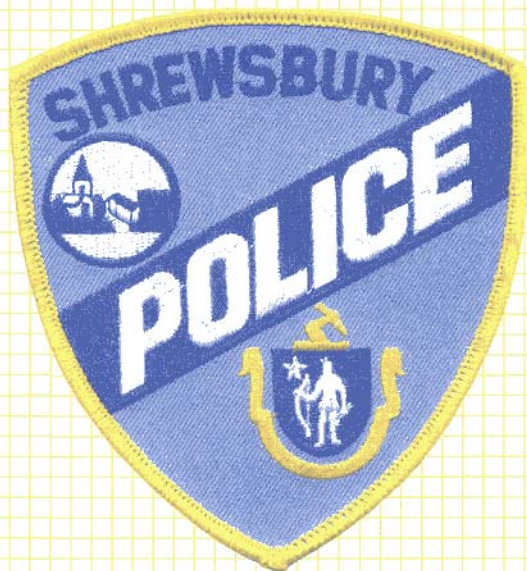


Welcome!



Information for Residents

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

AMBULANCE 9-1-1

FIRE 9-1-1

POLICE 9-1-1

PHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance	9-1-1
Animal Control	841-8421
Assessors	841-8501
Building Inspector	841-8512
Cable TV/Computer	841-8500
Cemetery Department	841-8560
Community Services	845-6932
Conservation Commission	841-8502
Council on Aging	841-8640
Donahue Rowing Center	753-9073
Engineering Department	841-8502
Fire Department Business	841-8522
Fire Emergency	9-1-1
Health Department	841-8512
Highway Department	841-8513
Housing Authority	757-0323
Library	842-0081
MIS Department	841-8511
Parks and Recreation	841-8503
Information Line	841-8336
Planning Board	841-8502
Poison Control	1-800-682-9211
Police Department	841-8577
Police Emergency	9-1-1
Public Buildings	841-8513
School Department	841-8400
Selectmen	841-8504
Sewer and Water	841-8506
Public Access Connection	841-8650
Town Accountant	841-8505
Town Clerk	841-8507
Town Manager	841-8508
Trash Collection Info Line	841-8388
Treasurer and Collector	841-8509
Veterans Service	841-8508
Zoning Board of Appeals	841-8512

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TOWN SERVICES

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging offers a variety of services and events. They are located at the Senior Center at the Town Municipal Complex. Telephone (508) 841-8640

Fingerprints

For Shrewsbury Residents Only. Hours are Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. and Saturdays at 4:15 p.m.

Firearms Safety Classes

For residents seeking a license to carry firearms, safety classes are offered several times per year. They are free to Shrewsbury Residents. Call the Police Department to register.

House Security Checks

If you wish, the Police Department will provide checks of your home while you are away on vacation. Forms are available at the Police Department.

Parks and Recreation

Programs available for adults and children throughout the year. Call for information. Telephone (508) 841-8335.

RUOK Program

RUOK is a well being program geared toward elderly and disabled persons. A computer generated telephone call is made daily at a convenient time. If the call is not answered, a second call is generated. If the second call is not answered, a Police Officer is dispatched to check on the client's welfare.

Sex Offender Registry Information

Sex offender registration and information is available as allowed by law by contacting the Police Department Detective Division at (508) 841-8577.

Trash/Rubbish Collection & Recycling

Rubbish is picked up weekly and recyclables biweekly by private contractors working for the Town. Information is available from the Health Department at (508) 841-8388.



– STATE LAWS – TOWN OF SHREWSBURY BY-LAWS –



Accident Reporting

All Shrewsbury accidents where damage to any one vehicle amounts to more than \$25 must be reported to the police within 24 hours. State law requires that accidents resulting in property damage in excess of \$1000, or personal injury, be reported within 5 days. Report forms are available at the Police Station or on our web site.

Town of Shrewsbury, Traffic Rules and Orders, Article 8, Section 1

Alarms, Commercial and Residential

All alarm systems must be registered with the Police Department within 30 days of installation. Alarms may not automatically dial the Police or Fire Departments. Audible alarms must reset within 15 minutes. Violators are subject to a \$100 fine. The 4th alarm during a 12 month period will result in a \$50 penalty. A 5th or subsequent alarm will result in a \$100 penalty. Please contact the Police or Fire Departments before testing alarms.

Town of Shrewsbury, General By-Laws, Article 19

Alcoholic Beverages, Open Containers

The consumption or possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages on public streets, parks or property is prohibited. Violators are subject to a \$50 fine and/or arrest.

Town of Shrewsbury, General By-Laws, Article 8, Section 1

Burning Permits

Residents may burn BRUSH ONLY from January 15th to May 1st with a permit issued by the Fire Department. This does not apply to cooking fires. Violators are subject to fines of up to \$500 plus the cost of suppressing the fire.

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 48, Section 13

Construction Hours

Construction may not begin before 7:00 a.m. Private contractors may not work on Sundays and some holidays as regulated by state law.

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 136, Section 5

Dogs

Dogs kept in Shrewsbury must be licensed before reaching 6 months of age. Licensing is done at the Town Clerk's office. New residents must license dogs within 30 days. A valid rabies certificate is required for licensing. Dogs must be leashed or under the control of a responsible person when not on their own property. The owner or keeper is responsible for immediately cleaning up after their dog when the dog defecates on other than the owner's property. Violators are subject to fines from \$15 to \$40.

Town of Shrewsbury, General By-Laws, Article 14

Emergency Calling

The emergency telephone number for Police, Fire and Ambulance is 9-1-1. Whenever a call is made to this number, the name and address of the subscriber appear at the police dispatch center. If you call and are unable to speak, stay on the line with the dispatcher. If you dial 9-1-1 in error, stay on the line until the dispatcher speaks with you. Police respond to all 9-1-1 hang up calls.

Town of Shrewsbury, General By-Laws, Article 19

Fireworks

The sale or possession of fireworks is prohibited by state law.

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 148, Section 39

Game Playing on Streets

Playing on streets is prohibited (and unsafe). Examples are playing basketball, street hockey, etc.

Town of Shrewsbury, General By-Laws, Article 9, Section 10

Handicapped Parking

Parking lots of 15 or more spaces are required to reserve parking spaces for vehicles owned and operated by handicapped persons. Persons parking in these spaces must have a handicapped placard issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, or an out of state RMV. Violators are subject to a \$100 fine

Town of Shrewsbury, General By-Laws, Article 10

Numbering Houses

Ambulance, Police and Fire personnel responding to emergencies have difficulty finding unmarked or inadequately marked houses. To insure that emergency responders find your home in the event of an emergency, you must mark your home with your address number. The numbers should be large enough to be easily seen from the street.

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 148, Section 59

Overnight Parking Ban

The Town has a year round, overnight parking ban. No vehicle may be parked on ANY street for a period of more than one hour, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., except in the case of an emergency. If you have such an emergency, you must call the Police Department prior to leaving your car on the street.

Town of Shrewsbury, Traffic Rules and Ordinances, Article 5, Sec. 4

Solicitors/Canvassers

Solicitors and canvassers must have a permit issued by the Chief of Police. Those soliciting or canvassing without a permit should be reported to the police.

Town of Shrewsbury, General By-Laws, Article 11, Section D

Unregistered Vehicles

Having more than two unregistered vehicles or major parts of unregistered vehicles on private property without a proper license or permit is prohibited. (Vehicle stored in buildings do not apply). Violators are subject to a \$50 fine for each offense. Each day of violation is considered a separate offense.

Town of Shrewsbury, General By-Laws, Article 9C

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